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Informed Consent for Definity Contrast

Due to some limitations in echocardiography, the images of your heart may not be as clear as needed. This is not uncommon and may occur in up to 20% of patients. An ultrasound contrast agent (Definity) is used to improve our image quality allowing better evaluation of your heart muscle and improved delineation of the left ventricular endocardial border. The contrast agent is made up of microscopic bubbles and is administered through an IV.

If you have a known intracardiac shunt and/or a hypersensitivity to perflutren or albumin you should NOT be given Definity. Please notify the sonographer.

Please notify the sonographer if you know or have been informed of any of the following conditions: Pulmonary hypertension, acute myocardial infarction, acute coronary syndrome, unstable or worsening congestive heart failure, serious ventricular arrhythmias or respiratory failure. Patients with any of the above conditions will be monitored for 30 minutes after Definity administration.

Participant's Statement

I have read this consent form, discussed the procedure and I have been given the opportunity to ask questions, which have been answered to my satisfaction.

I have been fully informed of the above described procedure with its risks and benefits, and I hereby consent to the procedure set forth.

Signature

Witness

Date